

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

The present invention is directed to a ~~A performance data editing system, which is embodied within~~
~~is actualized by a computer system (or electronic musical instrument) which is equipped with a~~
display and a mouse. ~~The system initially~~ The present invention provides a score window
containing various types of execution icon layers onto which execution icons (representing musical
symbols such as bend-up/down, grace-up/down, dynamics, glissando, tremolo) are attached and
arranged in conformity with a progression of a musical tune on a screen of the display. Each of the
~~layers~~ layer can be ~~is independently controlled in response to various commands such as display on,~~
~~small-scale display, display-off and vertical rearrangement.~~ The system ~~present invention further~~
allows a user (or music editor) to select desired execution icons from an icon select palette that
provides lists of execution icons which are registered in advance. In addition, the ~~system~~
~~also~~ present invention allows ~~the a~~ user to modify parameters of a specific icon ~~which is selected~~
from among the execution icons attached onto the score window. ~~That is, the user opens an icon~~
~~modify window to change parameters of the specific icon with the mouse.~~ ~~Further, the system~~
~~provides the user with a simple operation for deletion of execution-related data from performance~~
~~data.~~ ~~That is, when~~ When a the user performs drag-and-drop operations on a certain execution icon
to move it outside of a prescribed display area (e.g., layer window) of the score window, the ~~system~~
~~automatically deletes~~ icon is deleted along with the corresponding execution-related data ~~from the~~
~~performance data.~~ ~~Thus, it is possible to improve performability and efficiency in editing~~
~~performance data by using icons with simple operations and without errors.~~